

## Minutes of the Meeting of Hillington Parish Council held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016, 7.30pm in the Dining Room, Ffolkes Arms, Hillington.

Present: Chairman Jane Hill; Cllrs: Mike Matthews; Terry Kivlin; Jonathan Worsley and Ben Wallace. Also present: John Dobson (County Councillor), Mike Tilbury (Borough Councillor), The Clerk and four members of the public.

**1. Apologies for absence and approval of reasons for absence:** There were none.

**2. Declarations of Interest. The Chairman declared a personal interest in agenda item 11 Tapping House.**

**The order of agenda items was then changed by the Chairman.**

**11. Tapping House** – update. Mark Shea, Commercial Director of Fundraising and Marketing addressed the meeting. On Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup> Her Majesty The Queen will officially open Tapping House. Residents of Wheatfields have been invited to stand in the grounds. Security arrangements will impact on the residents of Wheatfields since closure of the road will be required.

Due to technical reasons it has not been possible to fit low wattage bulbs in the driveway lights but a transparent film will be put around the lights which will have a similar effect.

Fundraising is proving a challenge as running costs are increasing. Half the funds required to open the remaining section of the building have been raised. There has been a 40% increase in the number of patients being treated. From mid-February Tapping House will be the hub for all palliative care in Norfolk. The gardens in the courtyard are nearly completed.

In discussion following a question about the bunds, it was noted that there is an area of brambles near the bund on the same side as 3 Wheatfields that still needs to be cleared.

Mark Shea then left the meeting.

**3. Public Forum.** A driver for **Massingham Community Cars** said that they cover the Hillington area. He will pass information to The Council to be displayed on the parish council noticeboard and on the website.

**Moles** are eating the bulbs and making a mess at the entrance to Wheatfields. Professional help would be required. **Cllr Matthews will make inquiries with a pest control agent.**

**4. Crime Report.** Monitoring of Police Connect emails and phone messages between 17/11/15 and 19/01/16 showed no crimes specific to Hillington. Norfolk Crimestoppers were calling for volunteers to help keep the county safe.

**5. Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk.** Cllr. Tilbury reported that the Borough Council is setting the Council Tax for 2016/17 at the end of February. The Borough Council is receiving bad publicity regarding a ransom scheme whereby people bought 1m<sup>2</sup> pieces of land behind Southgates roundabout hoping that the Borough Council would pay a significant price to purchase the land from them. BCKLWN has offered the owners below what they paid for the land having no prior knowledge of the scheme.

### **9. Anglian Water First Time Sewerage Scheme**

**9.1 Pasture Close Water Treatment Works outflow issue** Cllr. Wallace had visited the Worrels. The pipes were installed in 1958 and in 1963 the sewage works was built. A 12-inch pipe goes into a 6-inch pipe. There is a blockage on a daily basis which the Worrels unblock. John Lambert, Anglian Water, is proposing a new underground pipe if the current water treatment works is incorporated in the first time sewerage scheme. The Clerk is having on going correspondence with the Anglian Water Customer Response Manager about the issue. **Resolved to recontact the A.W. Customer Response Manager stating that unless The Council receives a response to its concerns a meeting will be called with all concerned parties.**

**9.2 First Time Sewerage Scheme update** To date no new information has been received.

**6. Norfolk County Council.** Cllr. Dobson reported that NCC has received details from The Chancellor announcing Public Sector spending plans for the next 4 years. NCC departments have been reimagining their services after a 25% funding cut. The closure of the Docking Recycling Centre is being reconsidered. Adult Social Care and its funding remains a serious issue. Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils could be merged under a new devolution package. There would be one major body with a cluster of associated smaller councils. Eventually, the Government would stop all funding for councils but they would be allowed to retain Business Rates.

Date.....Signed.....

Minutes approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Cllr. Dobson and Cllr. Tilbury then left the meeting.

## 7. Confirmation of the Minutes

**Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.**

**8. Matters arising from the Minutes** Item 17 Correspondence: Norfolk Silica Sand Review of the Minerals Site Specific Allocation Plan. The Council responded to Norfolk County Council on 02/12/15 that "with regard to the issues raised in this document Hillington Parish Council supports the conclusion that 'based on the information currently available, it is considered that AoS C is not suitable for allocation".

## 10. Highways issues

**10.1 Speeding on the A148** Sally Bettinson, NCC Highways, had responded to The Council's concerns. A number of measures were already in place but painting a white edge down both sides of the road to create the illusion of a narrower road might be an option. If volunteers came forward a community speed watch team could be set up. **Resolved that The Clerk will find out more information regarding community speed watch teams and report back at the next meeting.**

**10.2 Double white lines at junction of Flitcham Road and A148** These have been repainted.

**10.3 Banners at Petrol Station** On 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Robert Kirwan from MRH Retail, the new petrol station management company, had contacted The Clerk about the banners (which in certain wind conditions were obstructing motorists' visibility). He had only just found out about the issue and had instructed staff to move the banners back from the roadside. If The Council had any more issues in the future he requested that he was contacted directly. Since the change of management it was noted that there had been issues with the supply of newspapers and milk. These items are particularly important to elderly parishioners. **The Council resolved to invite Robert Kirwan to the next meeting.**

**10.4 Items for Highway Rangers** Siding out and clearing the vegetation along the Old Fakenham Road were too large a task for the Highway Rangers but when next in the area a Highways inspector would check the location and programme any works necessary.

**12. To consider the date and agenda for the Annual Village Meeting. Resolved to hold this meeting on Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 starting at 7.00pm at the Ffolkes Arms Hotel, Hillington. The Parochial Church Council, Good Companions, Tapping House and the Hillington Charity were to be invited to present a report.**

**13. Planning Application Consultations:** 15/01866/F Replace existing flat roof with pitched roof and construction of a single storey rear extension, 7 Wheatfields, Hillington. **The Council responded with no observations 10/12/15.**

15/02052/F Extensions to dwelling at Tethers End, 4 Wheatfields Close, Hillington. **The Council responded with no observations 12/01/16 but commented 'The Parish Council would like consideration of a boundary agreement in place to ensure access to construct and maintain the western face of the extended property'.**

## 14. Accounts:

**14.1 To consider agreeing the proposed Budget for 2016/17** (Previously circulated to Councillors) Following discussion **The Council resolved to accept the previously circulated draft Budget for 2016/17 with the following revisions: to reduce the donation for the Vodaphone ROSS electricity from £250.00 to £150.00 and to reduce the donation for Churchyard maintenance from £1000.00 to a maximum of £800.00.**

**14.2 To agree the Precept for 2016/17.** The Council resolved to set a precept of £3700 for 2016/17.

**14.3 The following payments were approved:**

Parish Online	£33.60	Annual Subscription
The Ffolkes Arms	£135.35	Christmas Party
M Duggan	£447.88	Clerk's Salary 06/10/15 – 05/01/16

**15. Correspondence: To consider the following correspondence** (Previously circulated to Councillors)

- Letter from John Bridger, Village Link Action Group, 06/12/15. **Noted**
- Email from the National Association of Local Councils regarding new arrangements for external audit procurement for small bodies. **Agenda item for March Meeting.**

**16. To receive items for the next meeting agenda Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in the Dining Room, Ffolkes Arms, Hillington.** There were no additional items.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Date.....Signed.....

Minutes approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.